GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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VETERINARY DOCTOR IN AIIMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Primate Research facility in All India Institute of Medical Sciences has been functioning without a veterinary doctor since October 31, 2002;

(b) if so, whether invasive, operative and post operative procedures on monkeys have been carried out without the care of a veterinary doctor since October 31, 2002;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is mandatory for the senior officer to sign treatment slip for the research facility;

(e) if so, whether it has come to the notice of the Government that such slips are being signed by unauthorized persons including technicians and scientists in lieu of senior veterinary officer;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) by when a veterinary doctor is likely to be posted in the Hospital?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (g) The All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi have three posts of Veterinary Doctors including one created recently. One Veterinarian has superannuated on 31.10.2002. One person thus, is in position Invasive, operative and postoperative procedures on monkeys are being performed by persons duly qualified. Treatment/procedures is being done as per rule 9 (a) of the Breeding of and Experiments of Animals (Control and Supervision) Rules, 1998.Action has been initiated to fill the vacant posts of Veterinarian.